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Drop-outs can drop-in again

President J. M. Porter, of Sheridan College of Applied Arts & Technology in Brampton, announced that the College is inaugurating a program to give High School drop-outs a second chance. He stated that he believed many school drop-outs were capable of absorbing further education, and would welcome the chance to get back into school, at a level consistent with their age.

After consultation with other College officials, he decided that Sheridan should do something to help such people, and plans are now underway to do just that.

The basic idea is to take adult students (age 18 and over) who have been out of school for at least a year, and give them an intensive three-month upgrading

program. The courses would probably have to start at the Grade X level but would move forward quickly and students would have to work extremely hard.

President Porter stated that he and other College officials are confident that a well-motivated student can be brought up to College entrance standards through an intensive full semester program. The students would spend eight weeks on upgrading courses in Mathematics, Science, and English followed by four weeks of study in a specialized field.

At the end of this summer session each student would be assessed, and if he was considered capable of absorbing further instruction he would be admitted to a regular program in September. Successful applicants would be eligible for loans from the Ontario Student Awards Program.

President Porter emphasized that this program in no way qualifies a student for a Secondary School Graduation Diploma, but it would allow him to be admitted to the College under the mature student regulation. What Sheridan is doing is to give the capable drop-out whose time out of school has given him the motivation he may have lacked before, a second chance to better his education and further his employment opportunities.

It is hoped that many adults in the Peel and Halton community will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Crackdown on river dumping

A crackdown on dumping into the river has been ordered by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Municipalities throughout the valley will be asked to prevent private dumping into tributaries and the main river and to locate public garbage dumps away from watercourses.

The Authority recently turned down a request from the City of Galt, to create a 40-acre sanitary landfill site alongside the river on Highway 24 south of the city. Under provincial regulations, the authority has the power to control fill and dumping operations which may affect any watercourse in the river valley.

James S. Bauer of Waterloo, authority chairman, said there are too many instances of dumping into the river and its tributaries and the aim of the authority is to gradually eliminate them.

Drinking, joyriding . . .

. . . opportunity, satisfactions

Students throw puzzling questions in series of panels at high school

Grade 9 students are enjoying special events within the Guidance Program at Acton High School.

One of the main features of this program was the panel discussion on the topic of "The Relationship Between the Parent and the Teenager". With 9A, the members of the panel were E. A. Hansen, father; K. Laughlin, mathematics teacher; P. Nielsen, owner of Nielsen's Clothing and Mrs. H. Patterson, Mrs. R. Thompson, Mrs. A. Ellis, three mothers and three fathers who were well qualified to answer most of the questions fired at them by the students. With 9C, the members of the panel were Mrs. E. Wilson, R. Laughlin and Mrs. H. Harris. In 9B, the panelists were J.L. Booth and Mrs. A. Gibson. In 9D, the panelists included Mrs. F. Quee, H. Coles and M. Thibodeau.

Some of the questions asked by the students were: How was it when parents were teenagers? Why are parents against the pool room, the congregating on street corners, going steady, get-

ting drunk, riding around in cars, etc.?

Both the students and the parents felt that the sessions were extremely useful, interesting and enlightening.

Chester Anderson, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia and E.A. Pratt, manager of the Bank of Montreal, were invited to talk to the Grade 9 students and to 12C students on "Banking and Opportunities in the Field of Banking". The talks were most enjoyable and the students gained a better understanding of the financial world.

E.L. Metcalfe of the Canada Manpower Centre, Brampton, was invited by the Guidance Department to talk about placement services and job opportunities. Mr. Metcalfe emphasized the need for further education, either in high school, college or university or in Provincial Institutes of Trades.

W. M. Roxborough, registrar of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology, showed slides and gave a talk on the college and the courses offered there. The Grade 12 students were especially interested in his topics, since most of them will be considering taking courses at Sheridan.

R. Hart, representative of Mutual Life of Canada, spent a whole day with Grade 9 and Grade 12 classes. Mr. Hart talked about the importance of having the right type of insurance which suits the need of the individual. From his lecture the students learned a great deal regarding the mechanics of insurance and job opportunities in the field. Mr. Hart's knowledge of the topic inspired many questions from his audience.

On Thursday, May 2, the students of 9A were fortunate enough to have Tom Watson and Paul Nielsen talk with them on "The World of Business".

Some of the many questions

were: Why did you choose Acton as a place for your business? What future do you see for this community? How did you get started? What education did you have?

What education should we have in order to cope with competition in the World of Business today, in future? If you had your life to live over again, would you do things the same way as you have done them? Are you satisfied with life?

The panelists had a hard time answering all the questions in the limited time.

Mr. Watson expressed his feelings about Acton—it was always good to him and he will try always to be good to it.

Mr. Nielsen impressed the students with his story of getting started in Canada.

Both gentlemen agreed that you only get as much out of life as you put into it; a pleasant co-operative personality is important and one must be willing to make decisions and take on enjoy their consequences.

The students of 9E are working on a combined history and guidance project whereby they are doing an original research on the history of Acton. They are working in pairs on pre-assigned topics.

Their work includes digging up information in the library, in the Free Press Office, looking through old minute books and interviewing citizens. So far, they have had full co-operation from the inhabitants of Acton. J. Bray gave an excellent lecture on the topic.

On Friday, May 3, Mrs. Watson from the library and Hartley Coles from the Acton Free Press led an informal talk with the students on how life was when they were young in Acton. The discussion was accompanied by slides.

On May 7, Mrs. Mercer, Public Health Nurse, gave a series of

lectures to Grade 9 students on careers in nursing.

On Thursday, May 9 F.L. Stevens from the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Foundation from Kitchener is coming to the school to formulate a plan of presenting films and talks to students. Members of the planning committee are R. McCallum, head of Physical Education, E.A. Hansen, principal and Mrs. M. K. Lasslo, head of Guidance. Showing of the films "To Your Health" and "Narcotics - The Inside Story" will take place the following week.

On May 10 a group of professional men were invited to form a panel discussion on the topic of "The Careers in the Professional World To-Day". On behalf of the students of 9A, the Guidance Department invited Dr. Garrett, Dr. Embrack, Mr. Yundi, and Dr. Vander Bent to serve on the panel.

OBITUARY

George Spencer-Lee buried at Fairview

Although he had been in failing health, George Spencer-Lee's death on Tuesday, April 30 was unexpected. Mr. Spencer-Lee moved from Acton to Oakville seven years ago, living at 606 Lakeshore Blvd. with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Knox.

He passed away in Oakville-Traillgar Hospital.

While he was in Oakville Mr. Spencer-Lee was Justice of the Peace. In Acton he had been clerk of the fourth division court and school attendance officer. In England, before coming to Canada, in 1933, he was a farmer and merchant.

He attended St. Alban's church here and Walker Lodge. In World War I he was with the Royal Flying Corps and in World War Two served with the R.A.F. Funeral services were held at St. Alban's church on Friday, May 3 conducted by the Rev. Hank Stokroff and the Rev. H. Dawson. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Leatherland, Brig. Smith, Allan Buchanan, Fred Salt, Bill Middleton and Richard Roberts.

Mr. Spencer-Lee was born at Forest Gate, England, March 5, 1895. He was married August 28, 1915, to Elinor Anne Sargent who predeceased him. He is survived by son Donald, Prescott and daughter Rachel (Mrs. Kenneth Knox) Oakville, and four grandchildren, Andrew Knox, Oakville, a law student at Osgoode Hall, and Richard, Rosemary and Jane Spencer-Lee.

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